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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications device, comprising:
a positioning controller adapted to determine positioning information for said telecommunications device; and
a wireless communications controller adapted to receive said positioning information from said positioning controller and cause said positioning information to be transmitted to an associated administration device when said telecommunications device is determined to be out of a predetermined location range and wherein said administration device is configured to maintain one or more availability rules associated with a user of said telecommunications device based on whether it is determined to be in the predetermined location.
2. (Original) A telecommunications device as recited in claim 9, wherein said positioning controller receives Global Positioning System (GPS) signals to determine said positioning information.
3. (Original) A telecommunications device as recited in claim 2, wherein said wireless communications controller is a cellular telephone controller.
4. (Original) A telecommunications device as recited in claim 2, wherein said wireless communications controller is a personal communications service (PCS) controller.
5. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said positioning information is transmitted if said telecommunications device is determined to be out of said predetermined location range includes a geographic, date, and time-of-day ranges at a particular time or date.

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6. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications device as recited in claim 1, wherein said positioning controller is adapted to receive predetermined location range information via said wireless communications controller.

7. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system, comprising:
a wireless device including a positioning controller and a communications controller; and
an administrative device for receiving alerts from said wireless communication device via said communications controller when said positioning controller determines that said wireless device is outside a predetermined location range and wherein said administration device is configured to maintain one or more availability rules associated with a user of said telecommunications device based on whether it is determined to be in the predetermined location.

8. (Original) A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 7, wherein said positioning controller receives global positioning network signals for determining a position of said wireless communications device.

9. (Original) A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 8, wherein said communications controller comprises a cellular network controller for transmitting on a cellular telephone network to said administrative device.

10. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 9, wherein said administrative device is adapted to display location information when said wireless device is determined to be outside said predetermined location range.

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11. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 10, wherein said predetermined location range is associated with one or more of a geographic range, time-of-day range, or date range.

12. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications method, comprising:
affixing a wireless device to a predetermined object;
programming said wireless device to be in a predetermined location range; and
transmitting one or more alerting signals to an administrative device when said wireless device is determined to be outside said predetermined location range and wherein said administrative device is configured to maintain one or more availability rules associated with a user of said telecommunications device based on whether it is determined to be in the predetermined location.

13. (Original) A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein said administrative device comprises a telephony device.

14. (Original) A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein said one or more alerting signals comprise one or more e-mail signals.

15. (Original) A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein said one or more alerting signals comprise one or more text messaging signals.

16. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications method in accordance with claim 12, wherein said predetermined location range is associated with at least one of geographic range, time-of-day range, or date range.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer, comprising:
a graphical user interface for displaying one or more predetermined locations ranges and allowing a user to select said one or more predetermined locations ranges;

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and

a controller for programming one or more predetermined locations ranges into a wireless communication device, said wireless communication device including a positioning controller for receiving positioning signals, and a wireless interface for transmitting device positions to an administrative device and alerting said administrative device when said wireless communication device is outside said one or more predetermined locations ranges and wherein said administration device is configured to maintain one or more availability rules associated with a user of said telecommunications device based on whether it is determined to be in the predetermined location.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer in accordance with claim 17, wherein said one or more predetermined location ranges are associated with at least one of geographic range, time-of-day range, or date range

19. (Original) A computer in accordance with claim 18, wherein said administrative device comprises one or more hardware or software modules of said computer.